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EXAMINER'S ANSWER

This is in response to the appeal brief filed September 29, 2008 appealing from the Office action mailed December 27, 2007.

(1) Real Party in Interest

A statement identifying by name the real party in interest is contained in the brief.

(2) Related Appeals and Interferences

The examiner is not aware of any related appeals, interferences, or judicial proceedings which will directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision in the pending appeal.

(3) Status of Claims

The statement of the status of claims contained in the brief is correct.

(4) Status of Amendments After Final

The appellant's statement of the status of amendments after final rejection contained in the brief is correct.

(5) Summary of Claimed Subject Matter

The summary of claimed subject matter contained in the brief is correct.

(6) Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal

The appellant's statement of the grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal is correct.

(7) Claims Appendix

The copy of the appealed claims contained in the Appendix to the brief is correct.

(8) Evidence Relied Upon

6,990,333

ANDREW ET AL.

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(9) Grounds of Rejection

The following ground(s) of rejection are applicable to the appealed claims:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Andrew et al. ("Andrew", US 6,990,333).

As per claim 1, Andrew teaches a method of changing the setting of user setting menu options in a mobile terminal, the user setting menu options being menu options which a user can set, comprising the steps of:

registering the user setting menu options selected by the user from among menu options available in the mobile terminal as setting categories in connection with set values selected by the user in a scheduling setting group (col.4, lines 24-48, 58-65);

setting a scheduling timer to a timing value for changing the settings of selected user setting menu options (col.5, lines 1-32);

activating the scheduling timer when a scheduling setting mode is set (col.5, lines 33-44);
and

changing the user setting menu options to the set values of the setting categories upon expiration of the timing value of the scheduling timer (col.7, lines 55-67).

As per claim 2, Andrew teaches the method wherein the scheduling timer is selected from the group of an appointment timer set at a first predetermined time, a length timer for timing when a second predetermined time elapses, a period timer for timing a predetermined period having start and end times, and a repetition timer for timing a predetermined time interval (col.5, lines 45-67; col.6, lines 1-30).

As per claim 3, Andrew teaches the method wherein the changing step further comprises the steps of:

storing the set values of the user setting menu options corresponding to the setting categories of the scheduling setting group at the start time of the predetermined period of the period timer (col.6, lines 52-67);

changing the set values of the user setting menu options to the set values of the scheduling setting group (col.6, lines 52-67); and

returning the user setting menu options to the stored set values when the end time of the predetermined period of the period timer is reached (col.7, lines 55-67).

As per claim 4, Andrew teaches a method of changing the setting of user setting menu options in a mobile terminal, the user setting menu options being menu options which a user can set, comprising the steps of:

registering the user setting menu options selected by the user from among menu options available in the mobile terminal as setting categories in connection with set values selected by the user in a scheduling setting group having a unique identifier (ID) (col.4, lines 24-48, 58-65);

setting a scheduling timer to a timing value for changing the settings of selected user setting menu options registered as setting categories in a scheduling setting group selected from at least one scheduling setting group (col.5, lines 1-32);

activating the scheduling timer when a scheduling setting mode is set (col.5, lines 33-44);
and

changing the user setting menu options in the selected scheduling setting group to the set values of the setting categories upon expiration of the timing value of the scheduling timer (col.7, lines 55-67).

Claims 5-6 are similar in scope to claims 2-3 respectively, and are therefore rejected under similar rationale.

(10) Response to Argument

Applicant argued that the present application discloses both a registration step and a selection step, while Andrew et al. only discloses a selection step.

The Examiner disagrees because Andrew clearly discloses a step of registering wherein a user may choose settings and registers them in a profile/group (col.4, lines 58-65). Thereafter

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depending on the user's choice or time a profile is selected to be activated on the device. This is no different from Applicant's registration step in the Specification on page 7, line 25 - page 8, lines 4.

(11) Related Proceeding(s) Appendix

No decision rendered by a court or the Board is identified by the examiner in the Related Appeals and Interferences section of this examiner's answer.

For the above reasons, it is believed that the rejections should be sustained.

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